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1. The substitute Appeal Brief filed 03/12/07 has been accepted.

2. It is noted that the new Appeal Brief does not effect the Examiner's Answer dated 02/06/2006 since there are no different arguments presented in the substitute Appeal Brief that were not present in the original Appeal Brief.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tri M. Mai whose telephone number is (571)272-4541. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30am-5:00pm.

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